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Mayor Healy Joined County, City and Board of Education Officials to Cut the Ribbon on New Turf at Cochrane Stadium

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, **Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise**, and **Recreation and Board of Education** officials today cut the ribbon on the new athletic turf at the Caven Point Athletic Complex at 1 Chapel Avenue.

The process of removing the present turf began in late August, which was a planned improvement that was expedited by city officials following warnings last spring of high levels of lead in artificial turf.

“We are pleased that this process was completed in a timely fashion and that our outstanding Jersey City athletes have a safe and modern field to compete on,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We know that our youth who play football, soccer and baseball here are looking forward to being back on home turf.”

The Caven Point Athletic Complex serves as the home field for the football and baseball teams of both Jersey City’s Public High Schools and local parochial high schools. While the field was being installed, these teams played at other locations throughout the city.

Funding for this project was made available by the following:

City of Jersey City - \$200,000
Jersey City Public Schools - \$200,000
Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the National Football League - \$200,000
Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund - \$250,000

The City of Jersey City has agreed to incur any costs that exceed the amount of available grant funding, as the project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.2 million.

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